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COMMITTEE ON THE FORD VISIT TO PEKING AS REPORTED
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1. ALL NOVEMBER 8 MAJOR NEWSPAPERS GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO A
CNA DISPATCH DATED WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 6 ON REMARKS
REPORTEDLY MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER TO THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING
VISIT TO PEKING. FOLLOWING ARE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF THE
DISPATCH:

2. BEGIN QUOTE - SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER SAID TODAY
THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY MAJOR POLICY CHANGE IN THE UNITED
STATES RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS A RESULT OF
PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO RED CHINA.

3. SECRETARY KISSINGER MADE THE STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO A
QUESTION FROM CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF OF NEW YORK DURING
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HIS TESTIMONY BEFORE THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
COMMITTEE TODAY ...

4. REGARDING THE DISPATCH OF THE ADVANCE TEAM TO PEIPING, KISSINGER SAID THAT "THERE ARE A NUMBER OF TECHNICAL THINGS THAT HAD TO BE WORKED OUT," SUCH AS WHEN THE ADVANCE TEAM COULD ARRIVE THERE. HOWEVER, HE STRESSED: "WE DO NOT THINK THAT THERE ARE ANY SUBSTANTIAL HITCHES."

5. AS FAR AS THE LENGTH OF PRESIDENT FORD'S STAY IN RED CHINA IS CONCERNED, KISSINGER REMARKED THAT IT IS "GEARED TO THE JUDGMENT WHETHER THE PRESIDENT SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A WORKING VISIT OR WHETHER HE SHOULD TAKE SYMBOLIC VISITS TO OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY."

6. WITH RESPECT TO KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY MAJOR CHANGE IN THE U.S. RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA RESULTING FROM FORD'S VISIT TO THE CHINESE MAINLAND, IT SHOULD BE ADDED THAT STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HERE EVEN WENT FURTHER BY PREDICTING THE CONTINUATION OF DIPLOMATIC TIES BETWEEN TAIPEI AND WASHINGTON EVEN AFTER THE FORD JOURNEY TO PEIPING. - END QUOTE

7. EMBASSY NOTES THAT REMARKS QUOTED ABOVE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF PARA 4, WERE NOT CARRIED IN NOVEMBER 6 WIRELESS FILE REPORT (EPF-50) ON KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL RELEVANT INFORMATION ON HIS REMARKS AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT.
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